

Public Comment Meeting for the Draft Watershed Grant PSP





CALFED
BAY-DELTA
PROGRAM



Watershed Program

Department
of Water
Resources



Grant Source:	Proposition 50
Total Available:	up to \$9.5 Million
Maximum Award:	\$400,000
Minimum Award:	\$50,000
Local Match:	Desirable (Not Required)
Agreement Term:	Fall, 2006 - June, 2009

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PSP Overview

- ◆ Focal Point
- ◆ CALFED Objectives
- ◆ Grant Emphases
- ◆ 3-phase process

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THE FOCAL POINT

- ◆ This grant cycle stresses projects that **increase local capacity** to engage in watershed management which attains one or more of the 4 CALFED program objectives.





CALFED Bay-Delta Program Objectives

- ◆ Provide good water quality for all beneficial uses.
 - ◆ Improve and increase aquatic and terrestrial habitats and improve ecological functions in the Bay-Delta to support sustainable populations of diverse and valuable plant and animal species.
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CALFED Bay-Delta Program Objectives

- ◆ Reduce the mismatch between Bay-Delta water supplies and current and projected beneficial uses dependent on the Bay-Delta system.
- ◆ Reduce the risk to land use and associated economic activities, water supply, infrastructure and the ecosystem from catastrophic breaching of Delta levees.

THREE PRIMARY EMPHASES

- ◆ Watershed Assessment and Planning



- ◆ Capacity Building for Community Based Watershed Management



- ◆ Implementation of Projects that are Identified in a Watershed Plan

THREE-PHASE PROCESS

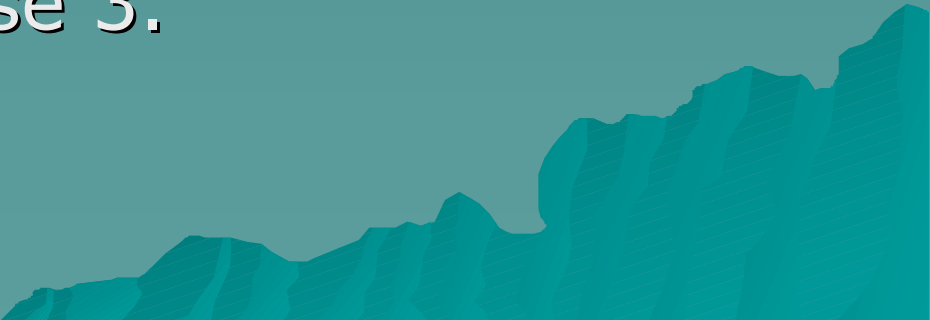
- ◆ Phase 1: Concept Proposals
- ◆ Phase 2: Full Proposals
- ◆ Phase 3: Award and Grant Agreement

PHASE 1 - Concept Proposal

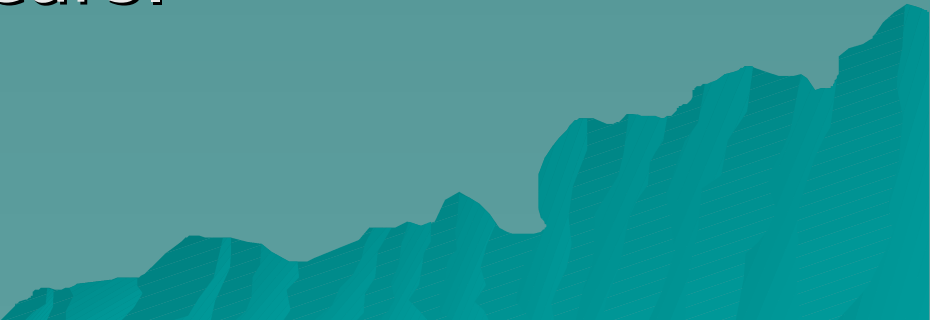
- ◆ Applicants submit brief applications and supporting documents describing the concept of the proposed project.
- ◆ During the review process, a subset of the concept proposals will be selected and will be invited to submit a full proposal application and participate in Phase 2.



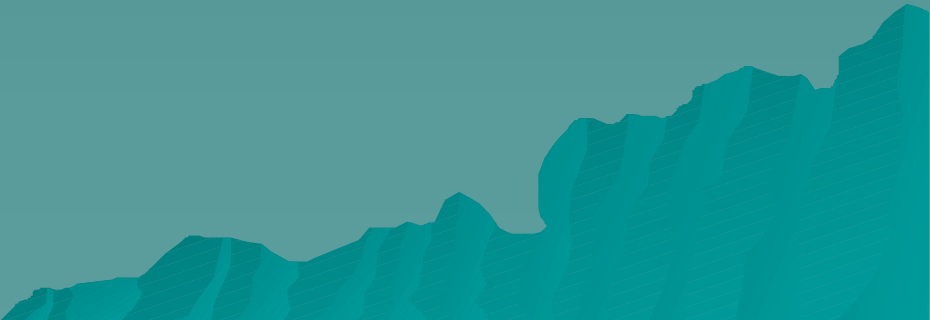
PHASE 2 – Full Proposal

- ◆ Applicants selected during Phase 1 complete a Full Proposal application package.
 - ◆ Full Proposals will be reviewed through a multi-step process.
 - ◆ Selected projects will be notified and will move forward to Phase 3.
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PHASE 3 - Grant Agreement & Award

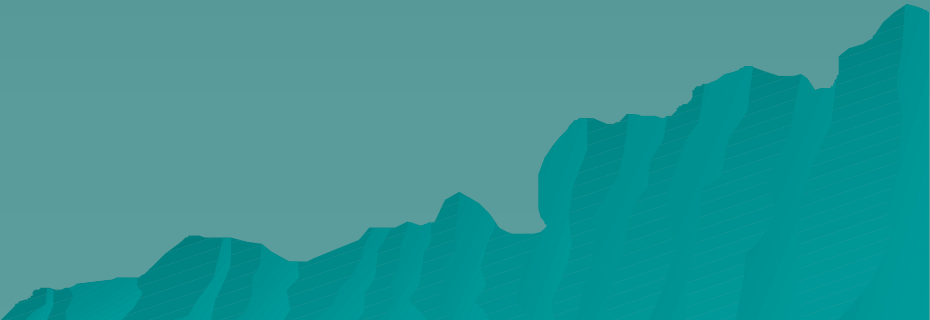
- ◆ Proposals will be selected and approved to receive grant funds.
 - ◆ DWR requires that the grant agreement be approved before funds can be administered.
 - ◆ Funds are paid in arrears.
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What Happens to Proposals Not Selected

- ◆ All applicants will be notified whether or not their proposal was selected for funding.
 - ◆ We are working to see if proposals can be referred to alternative funding sources.
 - ◆ Review forms will be made available upon request.
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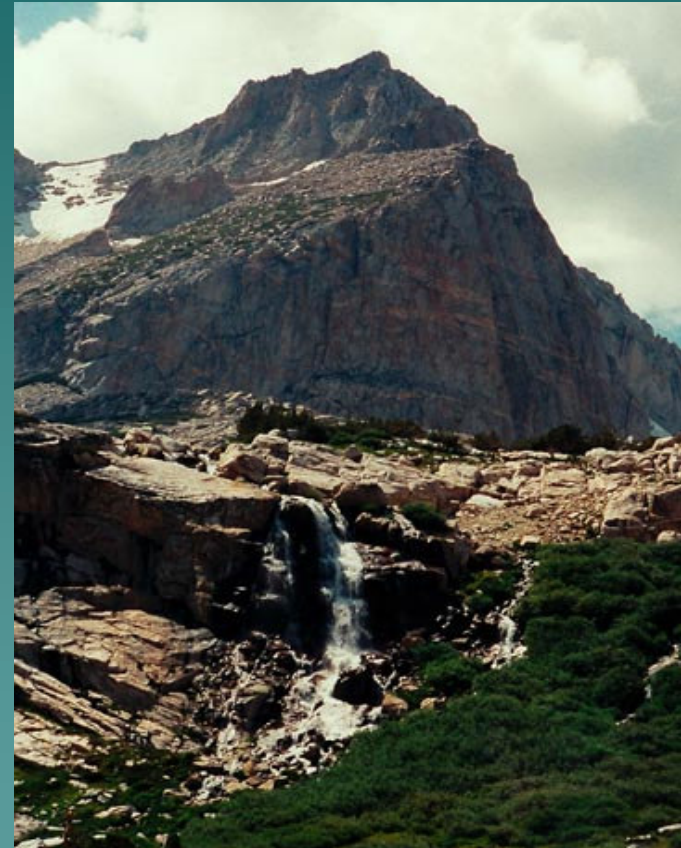


Overview

- ◆ Attaining CALFED objectives through a new approach to the grant process
 - ◆ What's new
 - ◆ Content of the PSP
 - ◆ Review Process
 - ◆ Timeline
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3 Levels to the Review Process

- ◆ Project Level Priorities
 - Integrating Criteria
 - Project Specific Criteria
- ◆ Program Level Priorities
- ◆ CALFED & DWR Approval



Integrating Criteria

Place the project in the watershed context for the reviewers

- ◆ Ecological
- ◆ Social

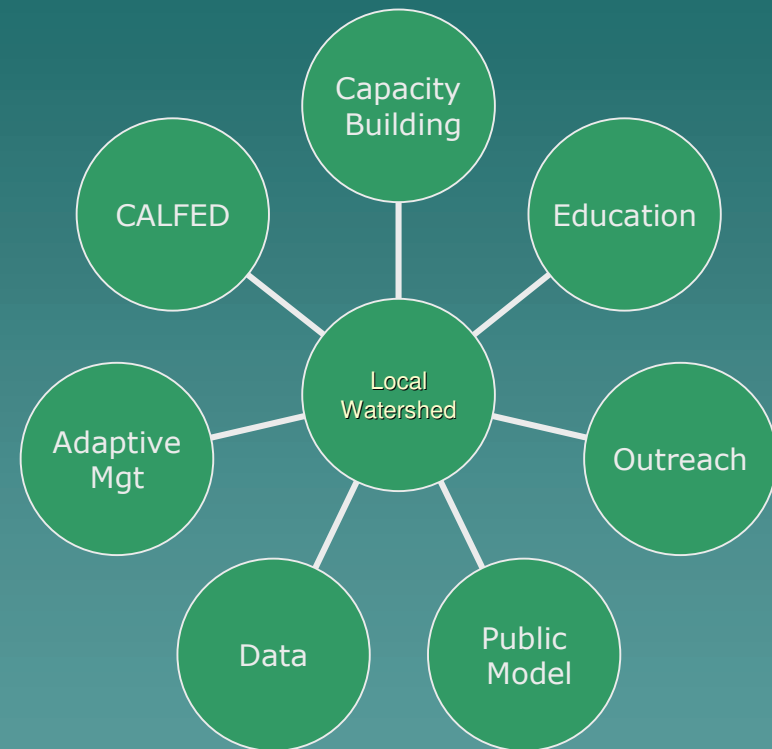
Integrating Ecological Criteria




- ◆ Connectivity
- ◆ Hydrology
- ◆ Mass Balance
- ◆ Species and Constituents of concern

Integrating Social Criteria

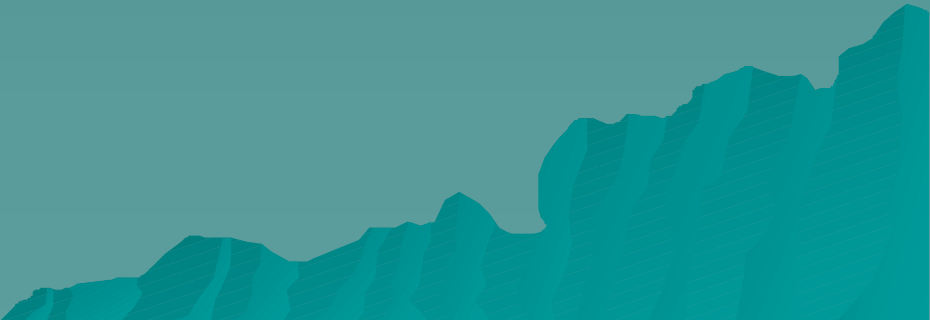
- ◆ Community Capacity
- ◆ Adaptive Management
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Outreach
- ◆ Public model and data
- ◆ CALFED Program priorities



8 Project Specific Priorities

1. Broaden existing Watershed partnerships to improve community capacity to manage watersheds and achieve common goals.
 2. Initiate new partnerships dedicated to Watershed Management & encourage new community involvement
 3. Advance application of science through education, improved communication and information
 4. Foster sustainable strategies of watershed management and stewardship
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8 Project Specific Priorities

5. Maintain and enhance stakeholder network and communication
 6. Monitoring and performance measures to foster and support strategies for long-term sustainability
 7. Aligns agencies with the CALFED Program to include projects and activities within the watershed that are a part of other CALFED program elements.
 8. Provides local stewardship benefits to the CALFED Program
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Program Level Priorities

The pool of proposals will then be evaluated to meet Program Level Priorities.

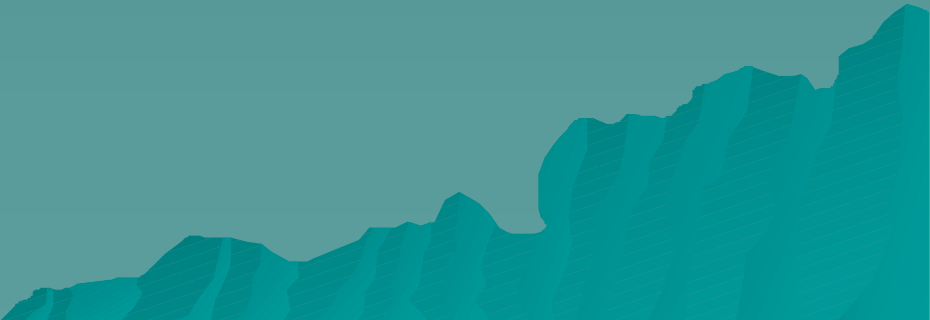
- ◆ **CALFED Bay-Delta Program**
- ◆ **Source Waters**
- ◆ **Land Management**
- ◆ **Innovation**
- ◆ **Education**
- ◆ **Environmental Justice**
- ◆ **Disadvantaged Communities**

Adjustments may be made to the initial pool of recommended projects to ensure balance for all priorities.

Content of the PSP

- ◆ Proposal Solicitation Package
 - ◆ Attachment 1: Concept Proposal Application Package
 - ◆ Attachment 2: Full Proposal Application Package
 - ◆ Attachment 3: Grant Agreement
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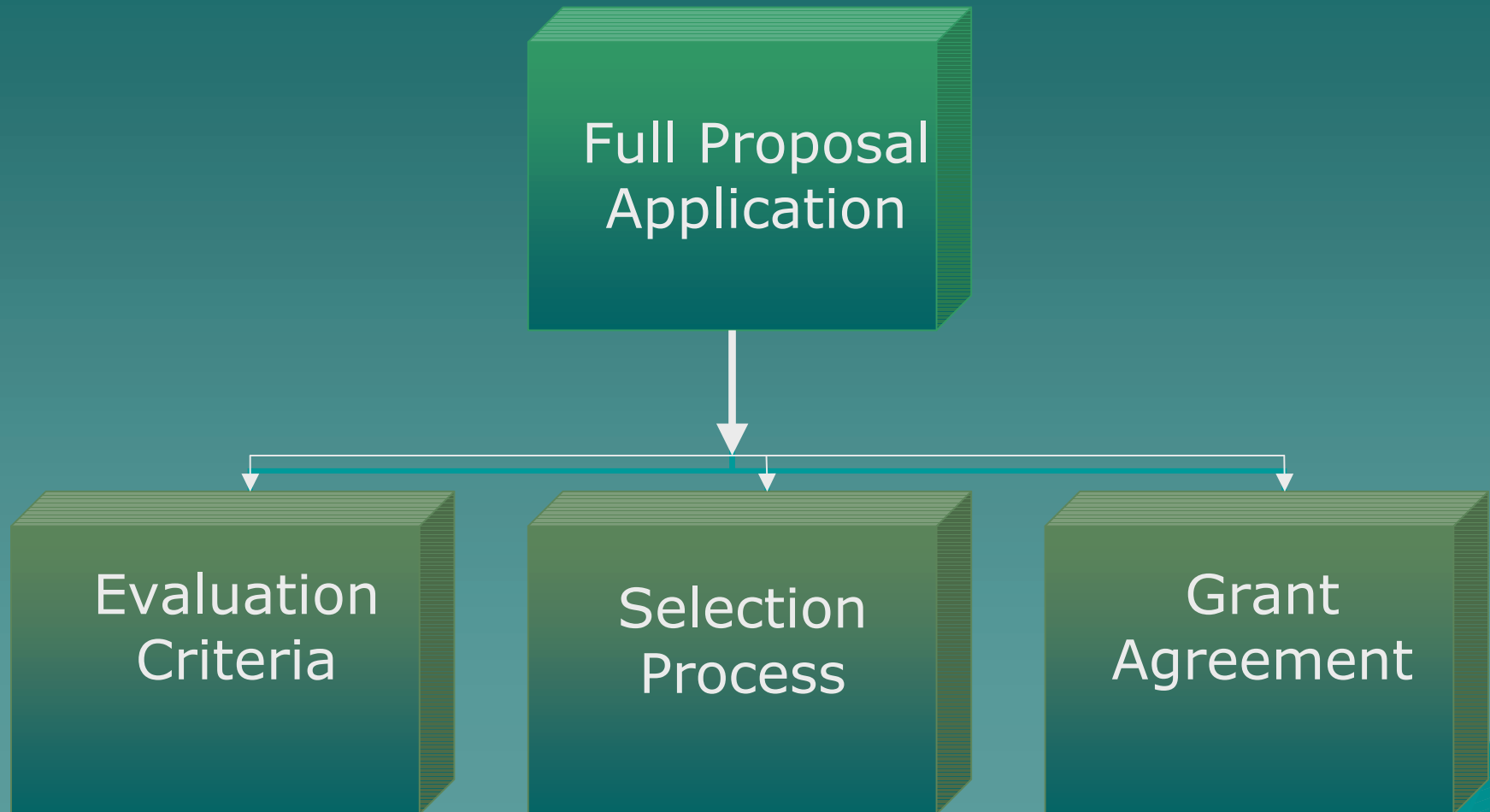
Concept Proposal Application

- ◆ A brief two-page project summary
 - ◆ Partnerships
 - ◆ Location
 - ◆ Grant Priorities
 - ◆ Cost & Budget
 - ◆ Evaluation Criteria
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Full Proposal Application

- ◆ Detailed Project Information
 - Project Scope
 - Work to be performed
 - Project Schedule and timeline
 - Partnerships
 - Questions about Grant Priorities
 - Cost & Budget tables
- ◆ Evaluation Criteria

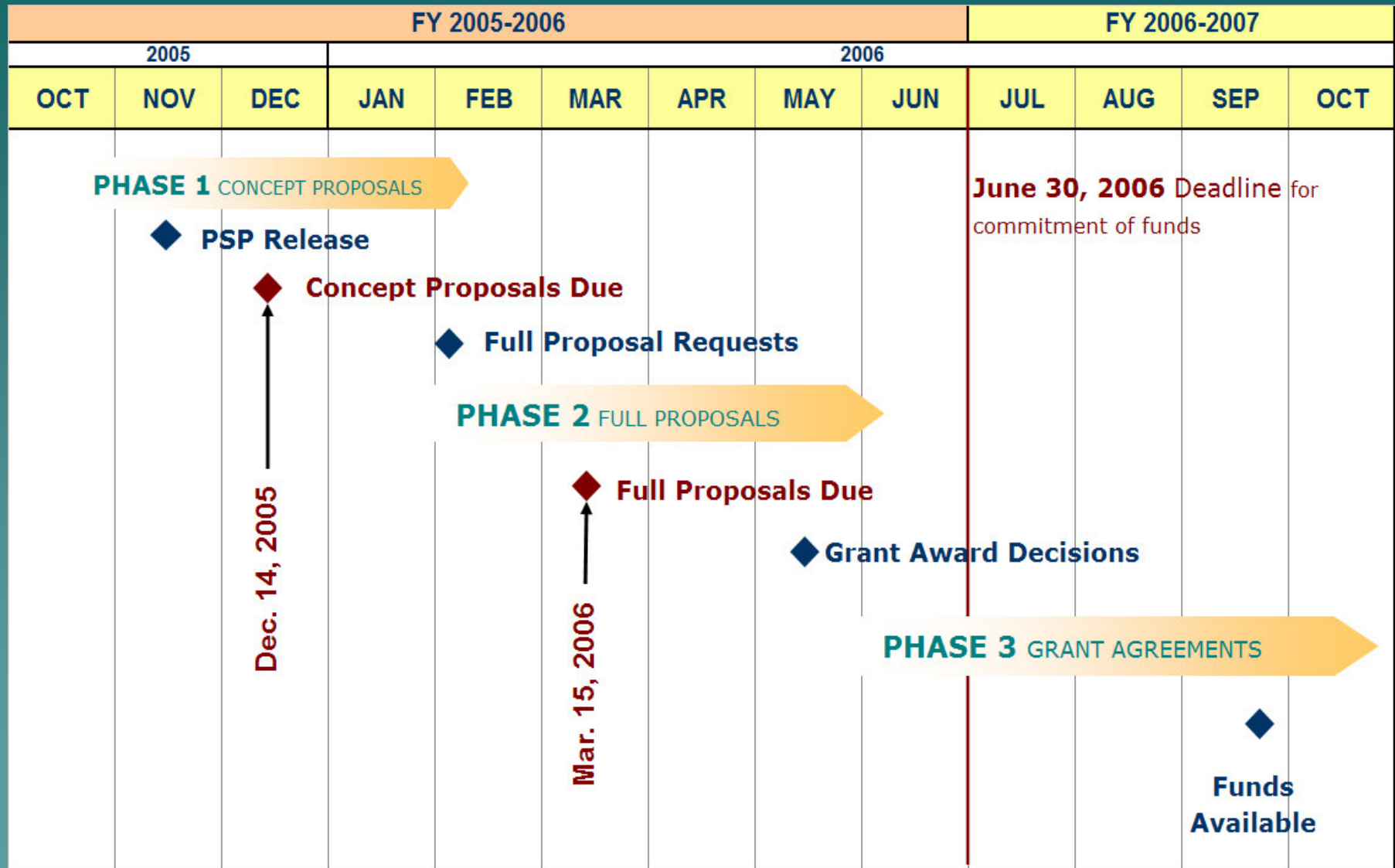
Full Proposal Form Design



Timeline & Critical Dates

- ◆ Publish PSP: November 14, 2005
- ◆ Concept Proposal Due: December 14, 2005
- ◆ Full Proposal Requests: February 1, 2006
- ◆ Full Proposal Due Date: March 15, 2006
- ◆ Grant Award May 15, 2006
- ◆ Agreements Finalized: September 15, 2006

Timeline



QUESTIONS





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October 12th, 2005
Los Angeles